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[RUSH] MESSAGE: Foreign Pr. Dr. ty: Applicant claims certified copy of Japanese application 2000-297 resides with parent application. Please see LET of 5/24/04 and acknowledge applicants claim if valid. Thank you
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PRIORITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- ☐ 1. Receipt is acknowledged of priority papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119. The papers have been placed of record in the file.
- ☒ 2. Applicant's claim for priority, based on papers filed in parent Application Number 09/153,715 submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119, is acknowledged.
- ☐ 3. The priority papers, submitted _____, after payment of the issue fee are
- ☐ acknowledged
While the priority claim or certified copy filed will be placed in the file record, neither will be reviewed and the patent when published will not include the priority claim.
See 37 CFR 1.55(a)(2).
- ☐ not acknowledged since the processing fee in 37 CFR 1.17(i) has not been received.
- ☐ 4. For utility and plant applications filed on or after November 29, 2000, the priority claim is not entered because the claim was not presented within the time limit required by 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1). A petition to accept a delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) - (d) or (f), or 365(a) may be filed. See 37 CFR 1.55(c) and MPEP 201.14(a).


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Sir:

It is requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued in connection with the above-identified application to include the acknowledgement of Priority Document No. JP 2000-297 which was filed in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/753,715 on April 2, 2001 and acknowledge in the June 18, 2002 Official Action.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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